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Re: Site Reclamation, Interstate Brick Company, Big Cottonwood Mine,  
M/035/003, Salt Lake County, Utah

Dear Mr. Bennett:

This is in response to your letter received by the Division on September 24, 1993. Division staff contacted Interstate Brick Company by phone on October 13, 1993. A site inspection was performed by a member of the Division staff on the morning of October 15, 1993. Mr. Jerry North of Interstate Brick Company accompanied us during the inspection.

The recent inspection revealed that no additional reclamation work had been performed since our previous December 3, 1992, inspection. Our December 1992 inspection memo, indicates that the remaining earthwork and seeding was to have been performed by the contractor, as soon as possible (weather permitting). Principally, the contractor was asked to increase the height of the earthen berm and seed the regraded disturbed area(s).

A letter has been sent to Interstate Brick Company, which outlines the remaining reclamation requirements for the Cottonwood Mine site. It also requests a schedule for completing the remaining reclamation. Our file records indicate that no mining has taken place at the site since 1985. The mine site was listed as suspended by the Division in 1988. Under Division Rule R647-4-117, item 4, reclamation of a large mining operation may be required after five (5) years of continued suspension. Under this same rule, the Division will require complete reclamation of the mine site when the suspension period exceeds 10 years. However, the operator may appeal to the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining (prior to expiration of the 10-year period) for a longer suspension period.



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We hope this letter satisfies your concerns. Please be assured that we are committed to see that the responsible parties comply with the requirements of the Mined Land Reclamation Act. Please contact me or Wayne Hedberg, (Permit Supervisor - Minerals Program), if you require further clarification of our position or requirements in this matter.

Sincerely,



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Associate Director, Mining

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cc: Jerry North, Interstate Brick Co.  
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